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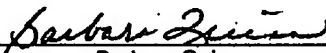
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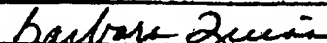
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

As set forth in the Office Action mailed November 21, 2006, the Examiner asserts the instant application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species. Examiner submits that Species A is directed toward catalyst on the inside of the duct and Species B is directed toward catalyst on the outside of the duct.

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 – 7, 9 – 15, and 17 are directed toward Species A; and claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 17 are directed toward Species B. Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 11 are generic. The Examiner therefore requires Applicants to select for examination a single species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held allowable. In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, the species identified as Species B (claims 1 – 8 and 10 – 17) to prosecute for examination purposes.

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